



*Congressman*  
**Rick  
Boucher**

The production of hair sheep offers an excellent economic opportunity for farming families throughout Southwest Virginia. In order to assure that our region's agricultural community is fully aware of this opportunity, I am hosting a Ninth District Agriculture Conference, "The Economic Opportunity Available to Southwest Virginia's Farming Families through Hair Sheep Production."

The conference will be held on Monday, September 27 from 9:30 AM until noon at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon. Attendees will receive a presentation on the economics of hair sheep production from a leading producer and will receive practical guidance on raising hair sheep from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. The President and CEO of a major Southwest Virginia grocery store chain will discuss marketing opportunities for locally grown lamb, and we will learn the mechanics of getting the product to market .

I hope you will plan to attend the conference and that you will inform others who may be interested about it. There is no charge for attendance. I look forward to seeing you in Abingdon on September 27.

**The Economic Opportunity  
Available to Southwest Virginia's  
Farming Families through Hair  
Sheep Production**

**A Ninth District Agriculture Conference**  
hosted by

**CONGRESSMAN RICK BOUCHER**

**Monday, September 27, 2004**  
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center  
Abingdon, Virginia

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11:30 AM	Getting the Product to Market Martha Mewbourne, President Scott County Hair Sheep Association  Questions and Answers
12:00 PM	Adjourn

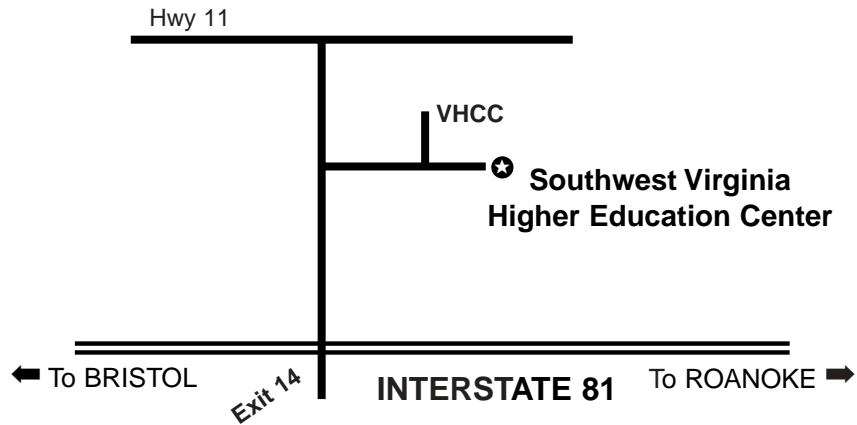
*Congressman*  
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*invites you to*

**A Ninth District  
Agriculture  
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Through Hair Sheep  
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*Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center*  
Abingdon, Virginia



**DIRECTIONS:** Interstate 81, Exit 14. Take entrance to Virginia Highlands Community College, follow signs to Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. The conference will be in the Grand Hall.

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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to attend Congressman Boucher's Ninth District Agriculture Conference: The Economic Opportunity Available to Southwest Virginia's Farming Families Through Hair Sheep Production Monday, September 27, 2004, at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia beginning at 9:30 a.m.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Congressman Rick Boucher, 188 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210 or you may E-Mail your registration to [ninthnet@mail.house.gov](mailto:ninthnet@mail.house.gov). For additional information please call Congressman Boucher's Abingdon Office at 276-628-1145.